Subject: Re: What do you HATE about video games? Posted by warranto on Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:40:29 GMT

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"Final Fantasy" is just the franchise name because it WAS supposed to be the final game that squaresoft put out before the company went under. However, it did so well that the company survived. Hence the reason it is no longer the "final" one.

Of course, they are all final games as there is no continuation between the story lines. Similar themes, yes, but different characters and stories.

Quote from Wikipedia

Quote:That same year, Square employee Hironobu Sakaguchi was charged with the creation of a game that might well prove to be the company's last. The result was Final Fantasy, a computer role-playing game for the Famicom.[1]

Sakaguchi, who was considering retiring after the production of the game, named it "Final Fantasy", a reference to the game being his last as well as his exit from the gaming industry. The game was successful, however, and returned the corporation to profitability.[citation needed]. Final Fantasy did much better than Sakaguchi and Square had hoped, and led to a North American distribution deal with Nintendo of America, who released to market Final Fantasy in the United States in 1990. Due to its success, Hironobu Sakaguchi's plans for retirement ended and he stayed at Square to develop new Final Fantasy games. It may also be possible that the reason every new Final Fantasy game has a new story, with new characters, is because the original Final Fantasy game was created with the belief that a sequel would never be created.